## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1) An aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles, comprising:
  interpenetrating polymer network ("IPN") nanoparticles, wherein each IPN
  nanoparticle comprises a first polymer interpenetrating a second polymer; and
  an aqueous medium;
  wherein, the IPN nanoparticles are substantially free of a shell and core polymer
  configuration; and the aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles can undergo a
  reversible gelation in response to a change in stimulus applied thereon.
- 2) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 1, further comprising a biologically active material.
- 3) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 2 wherein the biologically active material is: a drug, a pro-drug, a protein, or a nucleic acid.
- 4) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 1, wherein the stimulus comprises a change in temperature.
- The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 4, wherein the temperature change above a gelation temperature ("Tg") induces a volume phase transition of the IPN nanoparticles, resulting in an inverse thermo-thickening property of the aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles.
- 6) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 5, wherein the inverse thermo-thickening property is a transformation from a low-viscous fluid to a gel when heated above the Tg.
- 7) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 5, wherein the Tg is about 34°C.

- 8) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 1, wherein the first polymer comprises poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) or hydroxypropylcellulose.
- 9) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 1, wherein the second polymer comprises poly(acrylic acid).
- 10) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 1, wherein the first polymer comprises poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) and the second polymer comprises poly(acrylic acid).
- 11) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 1, wherein the monodisperse nanoparticles have a uniformed sized hydrodynamic radius.
- 12) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 1, wherein the monodisperse nanoparticles have an average hydrodynamic radius in the range from about 75 nm to about 200 nm.
- 13) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 1, wherein the first polymer and second polymer in the mono-disperse nanoparticles have weight ratio of about 1:1.88.
- 14) The aqueous dispersion of hydrogel nanoparticles of claim 1, wherein the first polymer and the second polymer form a total polymer having a concentration range from about 1.25 wt% to about 5.25 wt% in distilled water.
- 15) A method of preparing an interpenetrating polymer network ("IPN") of monodisperse nanoparticles, comprising:
  - (a) providing a first mono-dispersed polymer nanoparticle prepared by mixing a first monomer, a surfactant, a first cross linking agent, and a first initiator at a first temperature;
  - (b) adding to the first mono-dispersed polymer nanoparticle a second monomer, a second cross linking agent, a second initiator and an activator forming a nanoparticle solution;

- (c) mixing the nanoparticle solution for a period of time at a second temperature to form the IPN of mono-disperse nanoparticles; and
- (d) isolating the IPN of mono-dispersed nanoparticles; wherein the first monomer, the first cross linking agent, the second monomer, and the second cross linking agent are substantially free from dissolved oxygen gas.
- 16) The method of claim 15, further comprising (e) mixing the isolated IPN of monodispersed nanoparticles with a biologically active material at a third temperature.
- 17) The method of claim 16, wherein the biologically active material is a drug, a production or a nucleic acid.
- 18) The method of claim 16, wherein the third temperature is below a gelation temperature ("Tg") of the IPN of mono-disperse nanoparticles in an aqueous mixture.
- 19) The method of claim 18, wherein the Tg is about 33°C.
- 20) The method of claim 15, wherein the first mono-disperse polymer comprises poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) or hydroxypropylcellulose.
- 21) The method of claim 15, wherein the second monomer comprises poly(acrylic acid).
- 22) The method of claim 15, wherein the first mono-dispersed polymer nanoparticle comprises poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) and the second monomer comprises acrylic acid.

- 23) The method of claim 15, wherein the first cross linking agent comprises N,N'-methylenebisacrylamide; the second cross linking agent comprises N,N'-methylenebisacrylamide; the first initiator comprises potassium persulfate; the second initiator comprises ammonium persulfate; the surfactant comprises sodium dodecyl sulfate ("SDS") and the activator comprises TEMED.
- 24) The method of claim 15, wherein the IPN of mono-dispersed nanoparticles have an average hydrodynamic radius in the range from about 75 nm to about 200 nm.
- 25) The method of claim 15, wherein the period of time is less than 130 minutes.
- 26) The method of claim 25, wherein the period of time about 120 minutes.
- 27) The method of claim 15, wherein the first temperature is about 70°C.
- 28) The method of claim 15, wherein the second temperature is about 21°C.
- 29) A method of preparing a nanocluster of cross-linked interpenetrating polymer networks ("IPN") nanoparticles, comprising:
  - (a) providing a dispersion of IPN nanoparticles;
  - (b) adding a first cross linking agent and a second cross linking agent to the dispersion of IPN nanoparticles, forming an IPN cross linking solution; and
  - (c) heating the IPN cross linking solution to a first temperature for a period of time forming the nanocluster of cross-linked IPN nanoparticles;

wherein, the mono-dispersed IPN nanoparticles have a uniformed size and comprise a first polymer interpenetrating a second polymer and is substantially free from a shell and core polymer configuration; the mono-dispersed IPN nanoparticles can undergo a reversible gelationin response to a change in stimulus applied thereon.

- 30) The method of claim 29, further comprising (d) mixing the nanocluster of cross-linked IPN's with a biologically active material at a second temperature.
- 31) The method of claim 30, wherein the biologically active material is a drug, a protein, or a nucleic acid.
- 32) The method of claim 30, wherein the second temperature is below a gelation temperature ("Tg") of the nanocluster of cross-linked IPN nanoparticles in an aqueous dispersion.
- 33) The method of claim 32, wherein the Tg is about 33°C.
- 34) The method of claim 29, wherein the first polymer comprises poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) and the second polymer comprises poly(acrylic acid).
- The method of claim 29, wherein the first cross linking agent comprises 1-ethyl-3(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide hydrochloride ("EDAC"); and the second cross linking agent comprises adipic acid dihydrazide.
- 36) The method of claim 29, wherein the nanocluster of cross-linked IPN's an average hydrodynamic radius in the range from about 155 nm to about 250 nm.
- 37) The method of claim 36, wherein the nanocluster of cross-linked IPN's have an average hydrodynamic radius in the range from about 225 nm to about 240 nm.
- 38) The method of claim 29, wherein the period of time is about 25 to about 45 minutes.
- 39) The method of claim 38, wherein the period of time is about 33 to about 37 minutes.
- 40) The method of claim 29, wherein the first temperature is about 44°C.

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- 41) A nanocluster of cross-linked interpenetrating polymer network ("IPN") nanoparticles, comprising: at least two IPN nanoparticles linked by a cross-linking group; wherein, the each IPN nanoparticle have a uniformed size and comprise a first polymer interpenetrating a second polymer and is substantially free from a shell and core polymer configuration.
- 42) The nanocluster of claim 41, further comprising a biologically active material.
- 43) The nanocluster of claim 42, wherein the biologically active material is a drug, a pro-drug, a protein, or a nucleic acid.
- 44) The nanocluster of claim 41, wherein the first polymer comprises poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) and the second polymer comprises poly(acrylic acid).
- 45) The nanocluster of claim 41, wherein the cross linking group comprises adipic acid dihydrazide.
- 46) The nanocluster of claim 41, wherein the uniformed sized nanoparticles have an average hydrodynamic radius in the range from about 155 nm to about 250 nm.
- 47) The nanocluster of claim 46, wherein the nanoparticles have an average hydrodynamic radius in the range from about 180 nm to about 1000 nm.